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The Public Relations Officer
The Central Intelligence Agency
United States Government
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir,

This morning's N. Y. Times, as you probably have seen, carries a dispatch datelined Washington, by Dana Adams Schmidt, on the anxiety felt in some high circles over the rash of dictatorial assumptions by military in numerous areas of the rule, where democratic institutions previously existed. The subject is one of great moment, and our official concern highly legitimate,---in fact, greatly belated.

The writer has been a student of international affairs for a life-time. He has also been a student of our institutions,---especially of the thing we call by the catch-all designation of "democratic," he has been distressed to see reversion in rising new nations to the barbaric pattern of force unchecked. And, he has been piqued by Mr. Allen Dulles' narrative at the Practicing Law Institute (New York) of the views of a prophetic writer of days of yore,---thank the Lord, his dire prediction has been greatly modified by facts of history in America.

Would you be good enough to let me have a copy of the whole speech of Mr. Dulles, or such memorandum of it as is conveniently available. The office of the Institute here told me that a "release" had been furnished the Working Press by you at the time of the speech. I am not presently in the category, though my past activities and a quarter of century of studies bearing on our system,---the origin and growth of Constitutional government in America---gives me an avid interest in the topic of Mr. Dulles' address,---I did not even know if (and where) the letter had been put in print by historians.

Thanking you for the accomodation

Very sincerely

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